

(d) the Company has engaged consultants for carrying out health survey of the plant.

[English]

Overhauling of Planning Methodology and Procedures

1000. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to overhaul the planning methodology and procedures, as reported in the Statesman dated September 30, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) The organisations with whom interaction would take place in this regard; and

(d) whether the State Governments would also be consulted for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) the Planning Commission has been contemplating a reorientation in the approach to planning in order to tackle the imbalances in the overall economic management and to make appropriate adjustments to the vastly changed and fast changing scenario.

(b) Such reorientation would broadly consist of rationalisation of plan expenditure, completing on-going schemes before rushing on with large number of new schemes, weeding out schemes and projects which do not make economic sense, properly funding schemes so as to avoid cost and time overruns, generating additional resources through non-inflationary measures, transferring effective authority to

the State Governments, a gradual shift to indicative planning and greater reliance on private initiative and non-governmental organisations.

(c) and (d). These and such other suggestions will be discussed with the Central Ministries and the States in the round of discussions on Eighth Plan and will also be considered in the forthcoming meeting of the National Development Council.

Super Computer Params

1001. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Super Computers Params are being made indigenously;

(b) if so, how these super computers differ with other computers in their performances;

(c) the names of other countries which are capable of producing super computers; and

(d) the areas where these super computers are used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) PARAM parallel super Computers have a peak computing power of 1000 Mega Flops. With respect to the mainframe computers and workstations which are currently being manufactured in the country, PARAM'S computing performance exceeds by a factor over 100 for the 256 node machine.

(c) Conventional Super Computers are available only from USA and Japan. However, Parallel Super Computers have been